



Grant Creek Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2024 (CWPP)

Homeowner's Quick Reference Guide

HOW TO FIND THE CWPP AND APPENDICES ONLINE

Missoula County OEM: <https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/public-safety/office-of-emergency-management/des/plans> (bottom of webpage)

Friends of Grant Creek: <https://www.friendsofgrantcreek.org/wildland-urban-interface-wui>

City of Missoula, Montana Grant Creek Neighborhood - Quick Links:
<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/274/Grant-Creek>

This Quick Reference Guide provides information on where to look for CWPP information specific to the needs of individual homeowners in Grant Creek.

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Pages 74-76 describe the **Four Focus Areas** for hazardous fuel treatment around housing in the Grant Creek Planning Area. Identify the focus area where your home is located to determine potential risk to your property. Your identified focus area represents your Neighborhood Risk Zone. ***All homes in the Grant Creek Planning Area have exposure to the threat of wildfire.***

Pages 77-78 describe the **Home Ignition Zone (HIZ)** and the importance of each homeowner in preparing their zone ***prior*** to a wildfire event. Every home's HIZ is different, requiring different strategies for reducing risk. Local emergency and fire agencies that do free HIZ inspections of homes in Grant Creek are listed. ***The most important action a homeowner can take to reduce risk is to have a free HIZ inspection completed to determine where problems might exist on the exterior of their home and outbuildings that need to be corrected to reduce risk.***

Pages 79-81 describe **potential hazardous fuels projects** in each of the four focus areas. Some of these projects can be completed by individual homeowners at minimal cost. Others will require working with neighbors to reduce hazards.

Pages 81-82 describe how **grant funding** can pay for work for both individual homeowners and for larger, more costly projects involving multiple neighbors.

Pages 82-84 describe **Wildfire Evacuation Planning** in the Grant Creek Planning Area and what needs to be included in a site-specific plan for residents to have better information that will increase their situational awareness and personal safety.

CWPP MAPS RELATED TO ROADS AND NEIGHBORHOODS

Page 10, Map 2, Grant Creek Planning Area

Page 25, Map 3, Grant Creek Roads and Access

Page 36, Map 7, Grant Creek Neighborhoods

Page 66, Map 17, 2018 Missoula County Hazard Assessment

Page 70, Map 21, Building Exposure Risk

CWPP REFERENCES

“Your Home Can Survive a Wildfire,” National Fire Protection Association, 2016, Jack Cohen, Ph.D., Research Physical Scientist, USDA Forest Service, Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory, 13:19 minutes video, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vL_syp1ZScM

APPENDICES

Appendices to the Grant Creek CWPP 2024 are included as a separate document. This allows both documents to be viewable online at the same time for easy referencing.

Pages A01-A07, **Appendix A**, is the **Action Plan** which describes actions that agencies, residents and landowners can take to reduce wildfire hazard and risk. Those actions recommended specific to homeowners or neighborhoods are highlighted in **yellow**.

Pages A19-A32, **Appendix F, Hazardous Fuels Treatments – Large Project Recommendations**, describes projects involving multiple ownerships in neighborhoods.

Page A33, **Appendix G, Cost Share Guidelines**, describes in easy-to-understand terms how the grant process works for those residents or neighborhoods looking for additional funds to work on projects that will reduce hazards.

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